

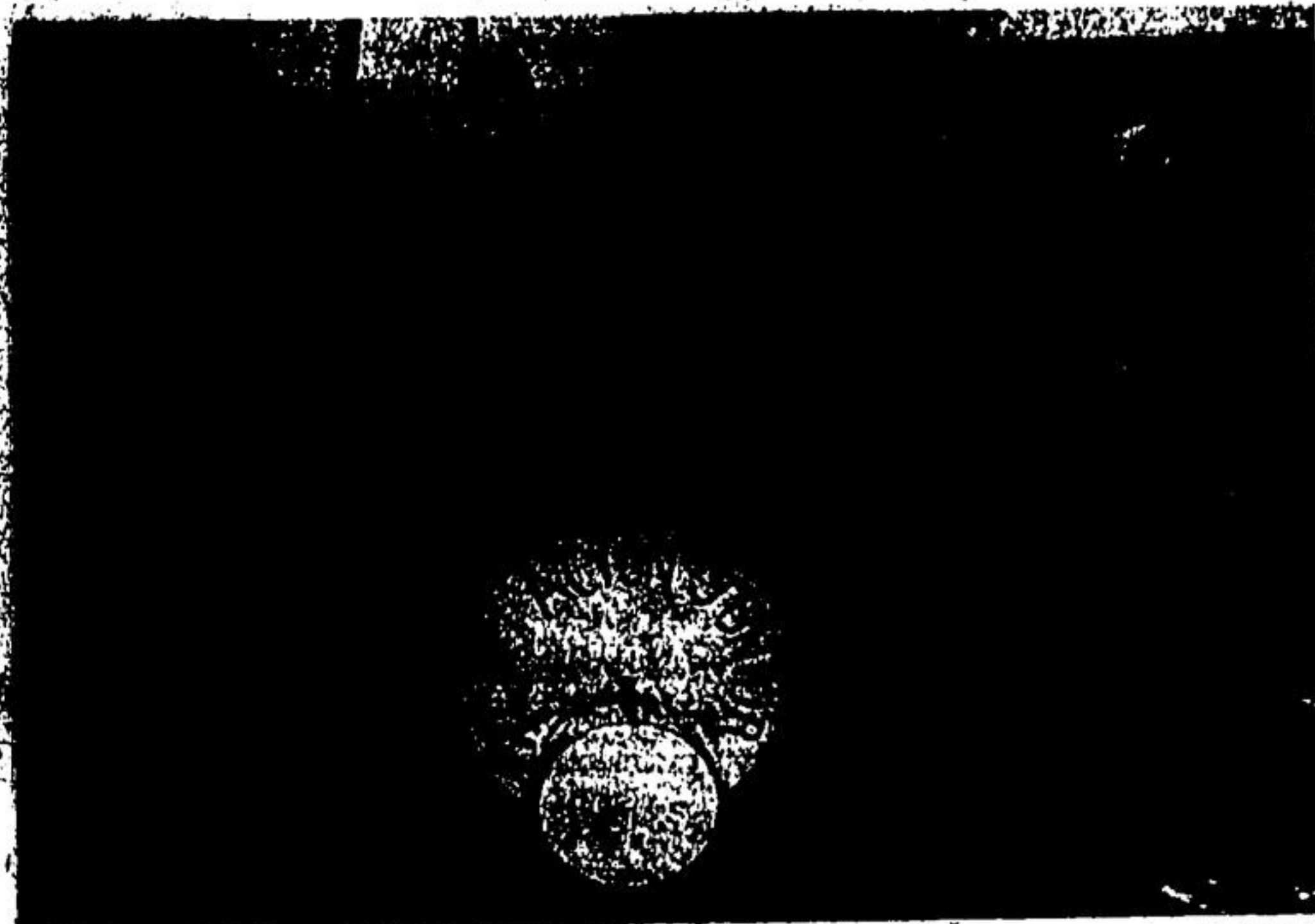
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NEW UNIFORMS were worn by eight members of the Acton Junior Pipe Band when they appeared at the Fergus Highland games, Saturday. Pictured above prior to leaving town are left to right, Mary Lou Creighton, Joyce Rennick, Lawrence Dobby, Danny Holmes, Helen Cook, Phillip Caddick, leader, Michael Ross and Bob Foyers. The band was rained out before they could play but their uniforms were admired by the large crowd.

Reveal \$3,500,000 Track Plans Prepare Township Liquor Vote

Details of the \$3,500,000 harness racing track proposal for Campbellville, and the vote to be held on liquor outlets for Nassagaweya Township, were fully explained Monday evening to about 125 township ratepayers — a random cross-section of 10 per cent of the eligible voters.

The Nassagaweya "Vote Yes" Committee called the meeting in the form of a barbecued chicken dinner at the new Halton Country Club, Sixth Line Nassagaweya.

Unnamed Group
Hans Bernhard, solicitor for an unnamed group promoting the construction of the track, told the crowd the track and grandstand would be constructed on 400 acres of land north-west of the Highway 401-Guelph Line interchange, encompassing all of lots 8 and 9 in Concession 3. He said the owners of the land had invested their property into the venture, rather than selling to the firm.

The track would be a half mile long and it was hoped the racing season would last from 42 to 60 days each year. Construction would start early in 1962 and it would take six months to build. It is understood the track would have its own fire and police protection departments. Water tests have shown there is sufficient water for the project.

Possibly Closed
The promoters are considering making the grandstand a

closed in building, and if so it would be the first of its kind in Canada, and the second such building on the continent. It is expected yearly taxation on the buildings and property would run from \$25,000 to \$50,000.

Charters to operate the track would have to be purchased from the Ontario Jockey Club, and the track would be supervised under the Ontario Racing Commission's rules. There would be pari-mutuel betting.

Several township residents would be invited to become directors of the track, Mr. Bernhard said, and shares would be

offered to the public through a firm of underwriters.

No Liquor No Track
If the proposed September 23 vote on liquor was lost, or only partially carried, the track would still be constructed, he said. However he urged those present to support the track and the vote because the availability of liquor facilities would make the track a better success financially, and the operators would be able to compete with other tracks at Toronto, Hamilton and Fort Erie, which have liquor licenses.

"It is not a question of no liquor — no track," he emphasized. "But it is almost necessary that the license be obtained."

Outline Vote
Speaking on behalf of the "Vote Yes" Committee, Bob Smith reported there were 1,258 eligible voters in the township and to be eligible a voter must be a British subject over 21 who resides in the township on the day of the vote and also resided in the township two months previous. Polling booths will be open 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. D.S.T. Saturday September 23, and a vote would be conducted in five polling divisions. Township clerk Don McMillan, by law, cannot release the official result of the vote until 1 p.m. the following Monday.

The questions on the vote relate to the sale of liquor under a lounge license, a dining lounge licence, sale of beer and wine

Lay Plans
Nassagaweya Township's "Vote No" committee is currently formulating plans to launch a campaign against the township liquor outlets vote called for September 23.

To date Rev. Harold Marr of Campbellville's Presbyterian Church and Rev. Robert Hancock of Ebenezer United Church have held discussions and several have volunteered to serve on the committee. A meeting will probably be held next week.

The group circulated a petition naming Jack McPhail of Campbellville, the chairman of the committee, and filed the petition with township clerk Don McMillan.

Old Faithful

Firefighters Honor Chief J. Newton Headed Department Past Six Years

Ten years' service with the Acton Fire Department was recognized last night (Wednesday), when Fire Chief Jack Newton was honored by fellow firefighters, during a dinner presentation at the Fire Hall.

Chief Newton, who is leaving Acton Saturday for his new home in Toronto where he is chief engineer with the Toronto Star, along with his wife was presented with a combination telephone table chair and a hassock.

After moving to Acton from Stamford Township in 1949, he joined the Fire department in 1951, served as secretary-treasurer in 1952, captain and secretary-treasurer in 1953 and was appointed chief in 1954. He has held this post since that time.

Lifetime Membership
Chief Newton proudly boasts of a lifetime membership with the Lundy's Lane Fire Department in Stamford Township. Prior to taking a position in Toronto he was employed at Beardmore and Company as chief engineer and was in charge of the company fire brigade.

His zeal for firefighting was renewed shortly after he arrived in Acton and frequent visits were made to the fire hall to view equipment. Soon he had donned coat and boots and was taking orders from the chief, in spite of his previous experience.

His knowledge of firefighting techniques and fire prevention has gained him high honor not only among other fire depart-

ments but with the Fire Marshall's office as well.

Determination Wins Out
After taking over the reins as chief, he was determined to build up equipment and firefighting knowledge and stuck to his guns until his goal was achieved.

Today, Acton can boast of the

lowest fire insurance rate of any other comparable town in size in Ontario. His last goal, to provide Halton County with fast, efficient and top notch fire protection, was a long battle for two-way radio systems in all Halton County department vehicles. Finalization of this came when County Council approved the move recently.



JACK NEWTON

Chief Newton's ambition to impart fire prevention knowledge in everyone's mind led to talks and displays among organizations, school children as well as home and industrial inspections.

Community interest led to the purchase of a public address system and this has been utilized on many occasions for sports, public functions and emergencies.

According to the chief, a community should never lose sight of having good, up-to-date fire fighting equipment, maintained in the best of condition, ready to operate at all times.

Wife's Viewpoint
According to Mrs. Newton, her husband was married to the Fire Department more than to her as most of his time was spent at fire meetings, repairing equipment or training a rookie in the department.

His size stood him in good stead at Christmas time and ever since he arrived in Acton he has donned a Santa Claus suit to play jolly Old St. Nick at concerts and parties. Several times he has been called to repair refrigeration breakdowns for various merchants and at any time a helping hand was needed the chief was "Johnny On The Spot."

Goal Accomplished
One of his ambitions was to organize a Ladies' Auxiliary and during the presentation he saw this fulfilled when the cold plate dinner was served by the newly organized group of firemen's wives.

Hydro Light Bulb Sale Ordered Discontinued

Acton Hydro Electric Commission's main decision during their meeting Thursday, August 24, was the discontinuation of the sale of light bulbs. Commissioners agreed to sell no further light bulbs because of the scarcity of demand.

Secretary Mrs. Audrey Urquhart requested permission to have a special button installed on the calculating machine to compute the sales tax which takes effect September 1. This was approved.

Hydro superintendent Doug Mason reported that line re-building had been completed and informed the commission, workers were busy painting wood-work in the shop. He also reported several other necessary items which were being attended to.

Mr. Mason was requested to complete his proposed winter schedule for submission and review at the next meeting.

The following accounts were approved for payment:

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OBITUARY

E. J. Moore Native of Acton Burial in Fairview Friday

E. J. Moore, a vigorous, graceful figure, died in Washington, D.C., Wednesday, 23rd August, after an illness of less than three weeks. His friends and acquaintances in many places will miss his cheerful, interesting letters, for he kept in touch with a host of folk all over the world.



E. J. MOORE

Born in Acton in 1881, the only son of Harriet and H. P. Moore, he attended public school here, later travelling each day to the High School in Georgetown. After serving an apprenticeship in his father's print shop he later received his final high school education at Albert College in Belleville, and from there went on to Victoria College.

On graduation he became associated with two or three of the early trade papers in the Toronto publishing world and in 1914 joined the staff of the Methodist Book Room, where he served as Advertising Manager, through the transition days of church union, until 1933, when he moved to the United States. Since that time he has lived in Philadelphia, East Aurora, N.Y., and later Washington, D.C., where he has resided for the past 18 years.

E. J. had a tender place in his

heart for Acton and whenever he returned to Canada always found his way back to the old home town for a few hours, to renew old acquaintances and watch the progress of various community developments. He followed with great interest the activities of the community as reported in the Free Press, which he never failed to read from first to last paragraph.

Early Recollections
Many are the stories he told of life in the early days — the ride to the sugar bush on the afternoon freight; skating on the lake in winter; freshly ground horse-radish; his first enjoyment of butter-milk sucked through a dandelion stem from a pail he was carrying home from a nearby farm; breaking a path through the deep snow from his home to the Free Press office in the early hours of the morning where his job was to light the fires, and then returning home for breakfast; the lamplighter filling the lamps with enough oil to keep them burning until 10 o'clock only; fishing with his father on showery afternoons.

E. J. never grew old in his outlook, for he loved life and all the beauty of nature and friendships, of music and books and especially his church. Whether in Acton, or in whatever part of the world in which he lived, he gave enthusiastically of himself and his talents to whatever project he set his hand and mind. And despite the infirmities of advancing age, and the crippling effects of strokes, he maintained a cheerful, enthusiastic outlook which was a constant joy and encouragement to everyone.

He will be sadly missed by his many friends, and especially by his beloved wife, Dorothy Fulcher formerly of Toronto, whom he married in Washington in 1943.

A graveside service in the Acton Cemetery will be conducted by Rev. Dwight Engel on Friday, 1st September at 2 p.m.

Free Night School Course To Lucky Fair Draw Winner

Some lucky draw winner at the Acton Fall Fair will have choice of any night school course free if their name is selected. This feature was decided Tuesday evening during the meeting of the night school executive.

As well as former courses, five additional ones will be added to the roster this year. New courses available will be power mower and boat motor repairs, armchair travelogue, choral singing, leadership and public speak-

Delay Community Centre Decision Review Plans on Tender Revisions

The proposed Community Centre addition to Acton arena received a seven-day hold Monday evening when revised tenders and suggested modifications from four contractors failed to lead to a decision by a joint meeting of Acton council and the

special building committee members.

A careful review of revised bids showing modifications from the original plans submitted by the architect and lower tender prices failed to satisfy the committee. An additional seven-day

delay for further consideration and investigation was agreed to as members sought means of erecting the proposed building at the estimated price of \$40,000.

The previous week the special committee refused to accept original tenders on the basis of be-

ing too high and requested the contractors to submit a revised bid listing all deletions and costs.

The original tender from J. B. Mackenzie and Son, submitted according to the architects' plan was listed at \$56,816 plus three per cent Provincial sales tax on materials and the revised bid with deletions was called at \$40,900.

Contained Modifications

The tender contained certain modifications from the original plan including a smaller auditorium and substitutions on material.

The original tender submitted by A. J. McCarthy Construction Company was reduced from \$66,400 to \$46,800. L. Ariss and Company submitted their original tender for \$62,400 which was reduced after modifications were made to \$56,800. Final tender viewed was from Sircom Construction Company indicating a \$3,995 reduction from \$53,990 to \$49,995.

Careful study was given each tender as requirements were reviewed in detail and committee members agreed the prices were still prohibitive. It was suggested that further canvassing should be done in order to raise additional money to cover unforeseen costs. A committee will complete these calls not made previously.

The members agreed that completion of the building for this season was impossible but it was thought sufficient progress could be made in order not to hamper hockey and skating on the artificial ice this year.

The tender from J. B. Mackenzie and Son gave notice that a 20-week program would be necessary for completion of the building.



WHAT'S COOKING? or better still what's burning?, could be the caption for this picture. Everything was under control as Lion Pete Papillon, hidden by the smoke and Lion Jack Doherty, barbecue steaks during the club's family picnic Saturday. Games and contests kept children and adults amused throughout the afternoon and a campfire sing-song and dance in the evening concluded the program.

No Industrial Fair Exhibits Display Tent Shortage Cause

Acton Fall Fair this year will lack an Industrial Display sponsored by the Acton Chamber of Commerce. Fair Board president Nino Braida reported this week that lack of tents for housing the displays caused the decision.

During the past years exhibits have been housed in the former curling rink and last year owing to the collapse of the curling rink roof, exhibits were shown in the main part of the arena.

This year the arena is being renovated in preparation for the artificial ice plant and Community Centre building and Fair Board officials are using tents for exhibits formerly housed in this area.

Five New Trophies

Five trophies will be presented this year for the cattle exhibits with R. A. McNair, Thistle Farm, Acton presenting a challenge trophy for the Grand Champion male in the Hereford show and E. Braida and Son donating a trophy for the Grand Champion male in the Shorthorn show.

In the dairy call exhibit, The Acton Branch of the Bank of Montreal will present a trophy to the best exhibitor of a dairy call to any boy or girl over 16

and under 21 years of age; the winner for a boy or girl 12 to 16 years of age exhibiting the best dairy call will receive a trophy from Jim Ledger and the boy or girl under 12 exhibiting the best dairy call will receive a trophy from R. A. McNair.

Repeat Awards
Other trophies awarded again this year include the General Foods Kitchen and Acton Free Press trophy for the winner of the jam and jelly contest; in the commercial cattle show Jim Ledger of Ledger's I.G.A. will pre-

sent a challenge trophy for the Grand Champion steer of all beef breeds and a challenge trophy presented by the Acton Branch Bank of Nova Scotia for the boy or girl exhibiting the best steer or heifer; The Bank of Montreal challenge trophy will be given to the Grand Champion male in the Aberdeen Angus class and E. Braida and Son trophy for the Grand Champion female in the same class. The A. J. Murray and Son trophy will be awarded to the highest contestant on aggregate score in the 4-H call club achievement day.

Midway Confirmed
Acton Fair Board officials have received confirmation from the T. Green Amusement Company and rides and other amusements will arrive prior to the fair. For the kiddies 10 rides will be available as well as other amusements.

Work crews have been organized and before long the park will be bustling with activity as pens and stalls are erected and snow fences and other protection placed.

The fair this year is anticipated to be the largest to date and officials are praying for good weather. See you at the Fair.

Acton Man Honored 1,000,000th Visitor At Toronto C.N.E.

Taking time off from a business trip, George Gidman, Acton resident visited the Toronto Exhibition, Thursday, and had the honor of being the millionth visitor and received \$75.34.

Mr. Gidman who is a co-owner of a Plastic industry in Norval, received the money representing a day's bank interest on \$1,000,000 from a sanitation manufacturer.



FIVE YEARS in spare time was spent by D. C. Snell, Waterloo, to build this quarter model Robert Bell 1920 steam engine. An engineer by trade, Mr. Snell is keenly interested in his hobby and showed the model at the antique steam display at the farm home of Les Lowe. The miniature model burns wood in the firebox and maintains anywhere from 80 to 125 pound pressure. It was one of many miniature operating models at the display.